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URBAN LOCAL BODIES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the weak financial position of the urban local bodies in the country, the Government has prepared a 21-point agenda for their improvement;

(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is planning to involve the private sector in providing and managing some of the services in the urban local bodies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry has prepared a 21-point agenda to strengthen financial position of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and to make them sustainable so as to shoulder additional responsibilities. The agenda has been circulated to all the Chief Secretaries of States/UTs.

(c)&(d): ULBs have also been advised to involve private sector in providing and managing certain urban basic services, if necessary, by way of unbundling of those services.